

# GOD GIVES US ANIMALS

## Lesson 1

## Looking Ahead

Have you ever gotten a special gift? Were you glad to get it? You may have liked your gift because it was useful or fun. Everyone likes to get gifts.



Do you know who has given you more gifts than anyone else? God has given us many gifts. Everything we have comes from God.



**Do this activity.**

1. Turn to the first page of your LightUnit. Find the title of the LightUnit. On the line, tell which of God's gifts you will study.

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Do you wonder how animals are a gift? Are they special? Are they useful or fun?

We use animals in many ways. Much of our food comes from animals. We drink milk and eat eggs. Milk and eggs both come from animals. Meat comes from animals too.



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We can get clothes from some animals. Do you have a wool coat or leather shoes? Wool and leather both come from animals. Wool cloth is made from the wool of sheep or goats. Leather is made from the skin of cattle, goats, alligators, and other animals.

Animals can work for us too. Have you ever seen a horse pulling a wagon? Long ago, people used horses and cattle to do farm work. Some people in other countries use camels or elephants or buffalo to work for them.

Do you have a pet? If you do, you know that animals can be fun too. You and your dog may run and play together. You may like to take your dog or cat with you when you take a walk. Maybe you have a pet bird that sings to you as you work.



God knew we would need animals. In this LightUnit, you will learn more about His gift of animals.



**Name four things we get from animals.**

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Fill in the blanks.

3. Animals are \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ .
4. Everything we have comes from \_\_\_\_\_ .
5. Animals can \_\_\_\_\_ for us.



Answer these questions.

- △ 6. Do you have a pet? \_\_\_\_\_
- △ 7. What kind of pet is it? \_\_\_\_\_



## SECTION 1

# GOD CREATED ANIMALS

Lesson 2

Creation

**STUDY**

**Creation** (krē • ā • shən). The time when God made the world out of nothing.



Say this word to someone.

## Lesson 2

The Bible tells us about the **Creation**. It tells us how God made the world and everything in it.

The Bible says that God made light on the first day of Creation. On the second day, He made the sky. On the third day, He made the dry land and the seas. He created grass, trees, and other plants. On the fourth day, He created the sun, moon, and stars.

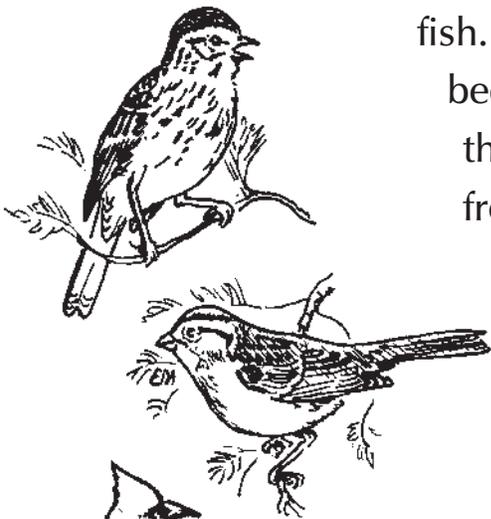
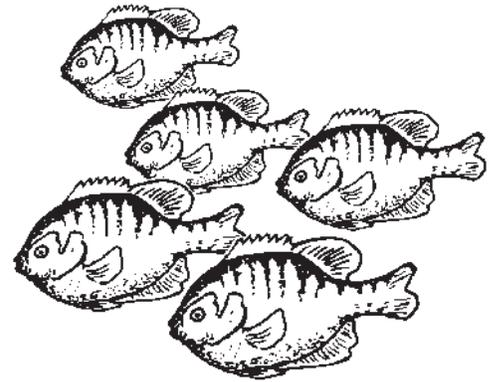


**Read Genesis 1:20-27 to find out what God created next.**



These verses tell us that God made fish and birds on the fifth day of Creation. Before this, there

had been no fish. There had been no birds flying through the air or singing from the trees.



God created thousands of different kinds of fish. He made colorful fish. He created huge whales and tiny minnows. He made sharks and bass and catfish to swim in the water.

God created birds on the fifth day too. He made tiny hummingbirds and big eagles. He made cheerful chickadees and

screaming blue jays. He made colorful cardinals and brown sparrows.

On the sixth day of Creation, God made the other animals. He made insects—spiders and crickets and grasshoppers. He made small mice and rabbits and moles. He made big buffalo and moose and lions. He made cattle and sheep and goats.



When God finished making the animals, He saw that they were good.



**Circle the correct answer.**

1. God made fish on the **fifth, sixth** day of Creation.
2. He made bluebirds on the **fifth, sixth** day of Creation.
3. He made cattle on the **fifth, sixth** day of Creation.
4. He made crickets on the **fifth, sixth** day of Creation.
5. He made whales on the **fifth, sixth** day of Creation.



**Fill in the blanks.**

6. \_\_\_\_\_  
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\_\_\_\_\_ is the time when God created the world.
7. God created the world out of \_\_\_\_\_  
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\_\_\_\_\_.

8. The \_\_\_\_\_ tells us about the Creation.
9. God created fish and birds on the \_\_\_\_\_ day.
10. He created other animals on the \_\_\_\_\_ day.
11. God saw that the animals were \_\_\_\_\_.

Lesson 3

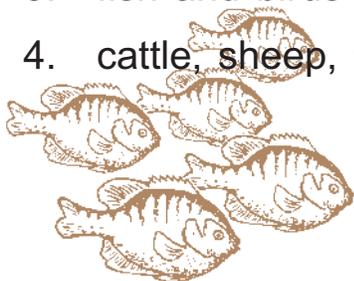
God, Man, and Animals

**WE REMEMBER**

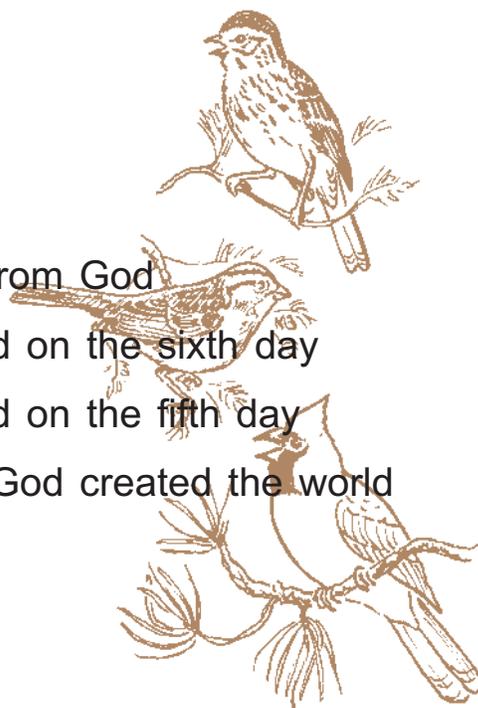


Match.

1. Creation
2. animals
3. fish and birds
4. cattle, sheep, and goats



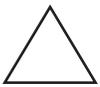
a gift from God  
created on the sixth day  
created on the fifth day  
when God created the world



STUDY

**dominion** (də • mīn • yən). To be in charge of something or have power. *God said man should have dominion over the animals.*

**image** (ĩm • ĩj). Something made to look or act like something else.



**Say these words to someone.**

After God created all the animals, He made people. First He made Adam, then Eve. He told them to take care of the earth and the plants that He had made. He told them to care for the animals.



**Read these verses.**

“And God said, Let us make man in our image, after our likeness: and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over the cattle, and over all the earth, and over every creeping thing that creepeth upon the earth. So God created man in his own image, in the image of God created he him; male and female created he them” (Genesis 1:26, 27).

These verses tell us that man was created in God’s **image**. That means that God made us like Him. The Bible says that God can see, hear, think, talk, and be happy or sad. We can see, hear, think, talk, and be happy or sad too. We are like God in many ways.

### Lesson 3

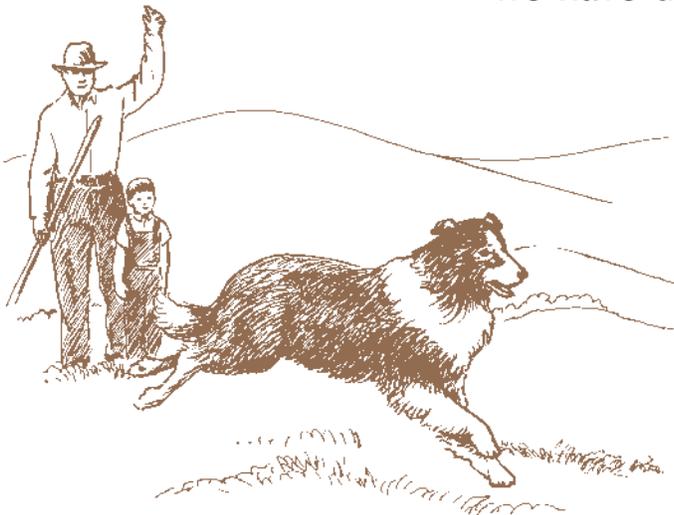


God created us in His image. We are special to God. He wants to be our friend. He wants us to obey Him and love Him. He wants us to pray to Him. He gave each of us a soul that will never die. If we love and obey God, we can go to be with Him in heaven.

Animals do not have souls. They are not created in God's image. But that does not mean that animals are not important to God. They are important.

God tells us to have **dominion** over the animals. That means that we can train animals to work for us. Have you ever seen a dog that was trained to bring cows in to the barn? Have you seen horses pulling a wagon?

Training animals to work for us is one way we have dominion over them.



Having dominion over animals also means we care for them. If we have farm animals or pets, we need to take care of them. We give them food and a place to live.

People do not train or care for all animals. God made some animals to be wild. People do not give these animals food or homes. God takes care of them.



Circle *T* for true or *F* for false.

- 5. T F God wants the things He created to bring us happiness.
- 6. T F *Image* means “something made like a person or thing.”
- 7. T F Animals are not important to God.
- 8. T F We must train and care for all animals.
- 9. T F Each of us has a soul that will never die.



Follow the directions.

- 10. Fill in the blanks to show two ways we have dominion over animals.

a. We can \_\_\_\_\_ animals to do work for us.

b. We \_\_\_\_\_ for the animals we have.

